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WASHINGTON, DC – On May 7, 2009 Representative Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA) will kick off the 25th anniversary of Public Service Recognition Week by delivering the keynote address at the 2009 Opening Ceremony on the National Mall. The theme of this year's celebration is "government goes green."

The Partnership for Public Service has tapped the Chairman of the House Federal Workforce Subcommittee to speak on the importance of public service. As a child of public servants, Chairman Lynch echoes the sentiments of President John F. Kennedy that every man and women working in any area of government should hold their heads proudly knowing that they are serving the nation in its hour of need.

"I am honored to be a part of Public Service Recognition Week at a time when so many of our federal employees are doing heroic work in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as protecting our borders and serving the American people in so many vital areas," said Chairman Stephen F. Lynch. "It is proper that we take time to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices of our federal workers. These men and women stand as a shining example of what is noble and good in public service while encouraging younger generations to consider a career in federal, state or local government."

On March 30, 2009 Chairman Lynch introduced House Resolution 299, which commends public servants for their outstanding contributions; honors government employees who have given their lives in service to their country and encourages public service careers. The resolution with the support of 60 cosponsors passed the House on May 5, 2009.

The Partnership praises Chairman Lynch for his dedication to public servants and the betterment of the nation.

“Chairman Lynch’s support for federal workers and his belief in their ability to do America’s work cannot be overvalued,” said Max Stier, President and CEO of the Partnership for Public Service. “Chairman Lynch understands the critical role federal employees play in meeting our nation’s challenges and we are delighted to see him take another leadership role in honoring public servants.”

Chairman Lynch’s keynote address on public service and Public Service Recognition Week will be delivered at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009 along the National Mall.

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The Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia’s jurisdiction includes federal employee issues, non-appropriation municipal affairs of the District of Columbia, and the Postal Service, including post office namings, holidays, and commemoratives.